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SUBJECT: USUN INSTRUCTION: OBJECT TO FOCAL POINT DELISTING
REQUEST FOR UREY

REF: A. STATE 80585
[¶](#)B. SCSOB/DL/2008/OC.140

[¶](#)1. This is an action request. Prior to the No Objection Deadline on 2 January 2009, USUN is requested to object to the focal point delisting request for Benoni Urey. Urey should continue to be listed as subject to the measures imposed by paragraph 4 of UN Security Council resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia, which include a travel ban and asset freeze.

[¶](#)2. Benoni Urey continues to pose an ongoing threat to the peace and stability in Liberia and the subregion. Urey was the Commissioner of Maritime Affairs for former Liberian President Charles Taylor, and was known to play a key role in arms procurement. We have reason to believe that Urey has ongoing ties to Taylor.

[¶](#)3. Department appreciates Mission's efforts.
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